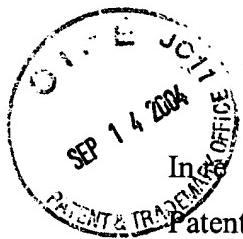


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Patent Application of

Herve H. Dourlens, et al.

Application No. 10/772,557

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Filed: February 5, 2004

Examiner: Lenard A. Footland

"BEARING ASSEMBLY AND METHOD"

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
(1)	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3)	(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	15	MINUS	20	0	X \$18	0.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	0	X \$86	0.00	
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT ----□					0.00		

No additional fee is required.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need to request an extension of time, please consider this a request for the same.

Charge Deposit Account No. 13-3080 with any shortage or overpayment of the fees associated with this communication. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated August 18, 2004 and is filed within the one-month period for response. Please charge or credit Deposit Account No. 13-3080 for any deficiency or overpayment of the required fees.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.